



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Set public hearing for November 29, 2006 to consider a General Plan Amendment and Sphere of Influence Amendment to establish an Agriculture/Greenbelt.

MEETING DATE: November 15, 2006

PREPARED BY: Community Development Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Set public hearing for November 29, 2006 to consider a General Plan Amendment and Sphere of Influence Amendment to establish an Agriculture/Greenbelt.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the Planning Commission Meeting of November 8, 2006 the Commission considered the City-initiated General Plan Amendment (GPA) to establish an Agriculture/Greenbelt land use designation, amend the Land Use Diagram to identify an approximately 3½ square mile area located south of the City's corporate boundary as agriculture/greenbelt (plan area), amendments to General Plan policy related to preservation of the area south of Lodi (plan area) as a community separator between Lodi and the City of Stockton, and a Sphere of Influence (SOI) Amendment to include the 3½ square mile plan area within the City's Sphere of Influence (see Exhibit A).

After extensive public comment, the Planning Commission voted 5 to 2 (Commissioners Cummins & White opposed) to recommend that the City Council adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposal. The Planning Commission then voted 4 to 3 (Commissioners Cummins, White, and Chair Kuehne opposed) twice to recommend that the City Council: 1) approve the City-initiated General Plan Amendment, and 2) request that San Joaquin County LAFCo amend the Sphere of Influence for the City to include the plan area.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not Applicable

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Attachment: Planning Commission Staff report and Resolution
cc: City Attorney

APPROVED: _____
Blair King, City Manager